

## House Resolution 1670

By: Representatives Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Randall of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Association of Black Cardiologists; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) was founded at the 1974 annual  
3 meeting of the American Heart Association, when Dr. Richard Allen Williams, assistant  
4 medical director at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hospital in Los Angeles, invited several  
5 physicians and scientists to discuss the problem of disproportionate rates of cardiovascular  
6 diseases among African Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, since that time, the ABC has been dedicated to battling heart disease in the  
8 African American community by developing a variety of programs to increase the availability  
9 of culturally sensitive health care providers, address the problem of unequal access to  
10 medical care, and educate the community on how cardiovascular disease can be prevented;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, among the ABC's most important endeavors, its continuing education program  
13 provides an average of 50 highly informative and enriching programs a year and is accredited  
14 by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education; and

15 WHEREAS, today, the ABC boasts a membership of 600 health care professionals, including  
16 international members from Europe, Africa, and the West Indies; and

17 WHEREAS, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 10, 2006, the ABC will be celebrating  
18 the opening of the International Library, Research, and Conference Center, a state-of-the-art  
19 facility in Fulton County that will be dedicated to scientific research, health education, and  
20 professional development; and

1 WHEREAS, the ABC recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, and it is abundantly fitting and  
2 proper for this body to pay tribute to this exceptional organization's valiant efforts to make  
3 cardiovascular disease a thing of the past.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body join to commend the Association of Black Cardiologists on its  
6 outstanding work in the battle against cardiovascular disease and thank this esteemed  
7 organization for its invaluable contributions to health care.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Association of Black  
10 Cardiologists.